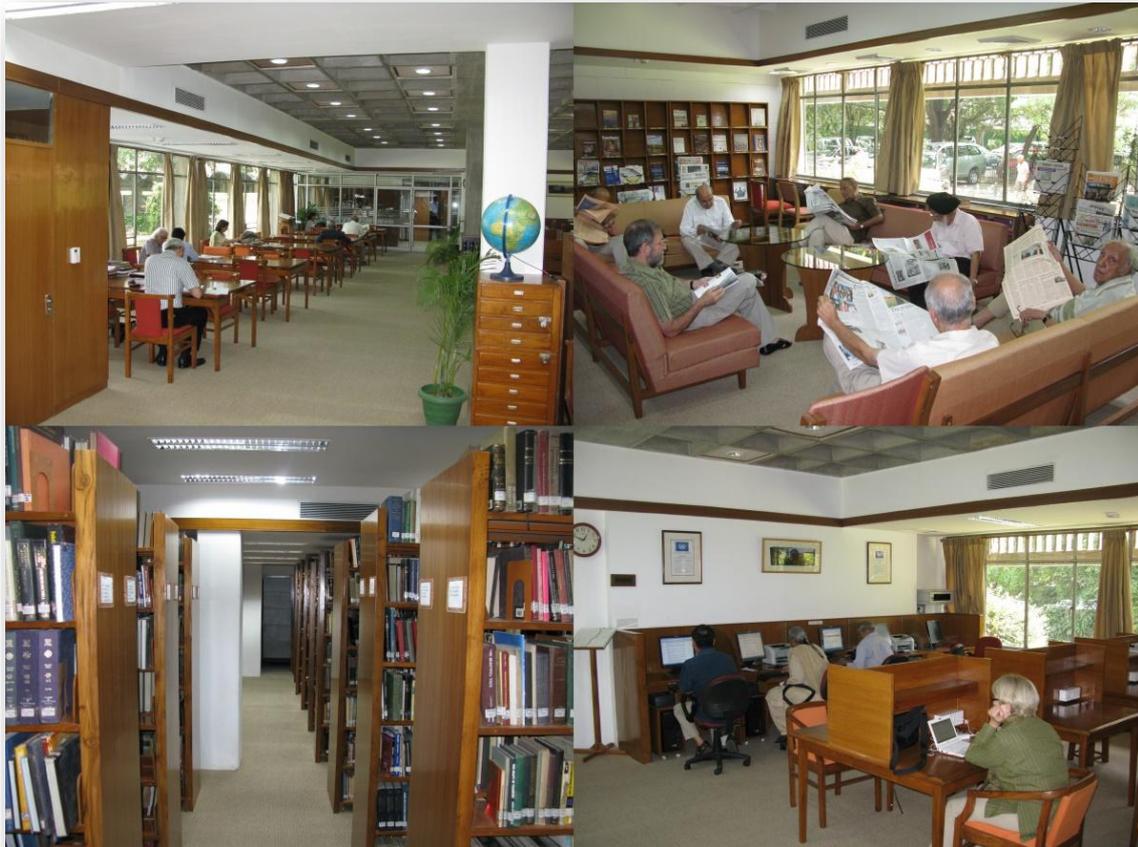


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Artificial Intelligence

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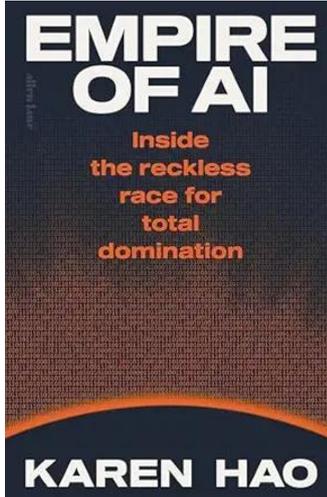
Empire of AI

Inside the reckless race for total domination

By Karen Hao | London : Allen Lane | 2025 | 9780241678923

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An eye-opening account of the tech arms race shaping our planet, from an award-winning journalist and AI insider to the world of Sam Altman and OpenAI.



When longtime AI expert and journalist Karen Hao first began covering OpenAI in 2019, she thought they were the good guys. Founded as a nonprofit with safety enshrined as its core mission, it was meant, its leader Sam Altman told us, to act as a check against more purely market forces.

But the core truth of this massively disruptive sector is that it requires an unprecedented amount of proprietary resources: the 'compute' power of scarce high-end chips, the sheer volume of data that needs to be amassed at scale, the humans on the ground 'cleaning it up' for sweatshop wages throughout the Global South, and a truly alarming spike in the need for energy and water underlying everything. We have entered a new, ominous age of

empire with OpenAI setting a breakneck pace, as a small group of the most valuable companies in human history try to chase it down.

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Sociology

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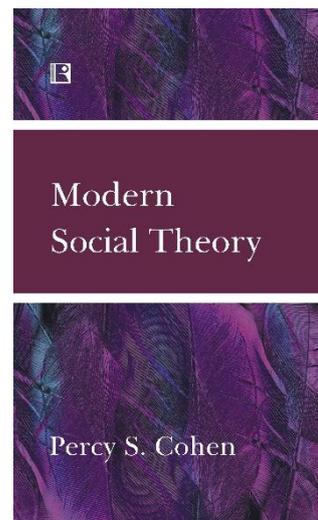
Modern social theory

by Percy S Cohen | Jaipur : Rawat Publications | 2025 | 9788131614556

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This is a book both for students and for the educated reader who is interested in the present situation in sociological thought. Dr Cohen provides both an exposition and an important and original critique of the present situation. In what is probably the most rapidly growing subject in our universities there is no other book, past or present, which covers the same ground. It is not a text book, for it does not survey the differences between various schools of thought and present the arguments of different theorists for their own sake, nor yet is it a treatise presenting a new body of theory. Its aim is to extract what is of most value from contemporary theories and from the sociological classics of Marx, Durkheim, Weber and Simmel.

Graduate students transferring from other disciplines should find this book particularly valuable, and every reader will be delighted by its lucidity and freedom from jargon. For students of sociology it will quite simply prove essential.



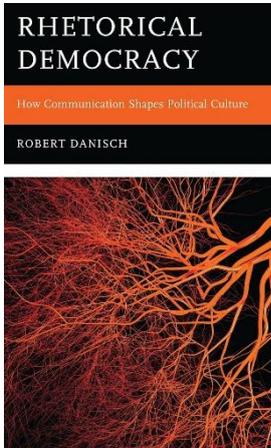
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Rhetorical democracy: how communication shapes political culture

By Robert Danisch | London : Lexington Books, 2024 | 9781666961935

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Rhetorical Democracy: How Communication Shapes Political Culture offers an explanation and diagnosis of the current state of American democracy rooted in the American pragmatist tradition. Robert Danisch analyzes the characteristics of communication systems and communication practices that inhibit or enhance democratic life. In doing so, this book provides a detailed explanation of the ways in which the communication systems and practices that constitute democratic life are currently fostering polarization and how they might be made to foster cooperation. Scholars of communication, rhetorical studies, political science, and media studies will find this book of particular interest.

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Walking out, speaking up

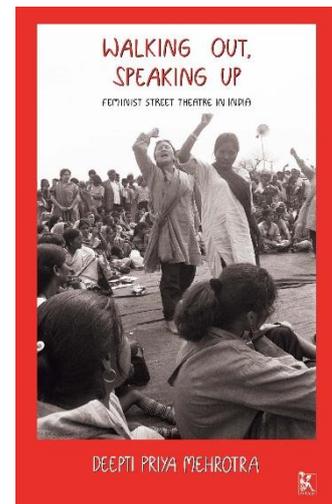
Feminist street theatre in India

By Deepthi Priya Mehrotra | New Delhi : Zubaan, 2025 | 9788197673023

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The late 1970s and 1980s marked an era of energetic and dynamic feminist street theatre in India. Everywhere, across cities and towns, groups, both amateur and professional, many led by women, presented stunning, audacious, moving stories of everyday violence, sexism, abuse and women's resilience and strength in countering new and old forms of patriarchies. The presence of strong, vocal women at street corners, in marketplaces, in universities, presenting their stories and those of their sisters shattered the mould of the docile, invisible woman. The streets rang out with the sound of tambourines, drums, songs and so much more and words, music; actions engaged diverse audiences across the spectrum.

Deepthi Priya Mehrotra's empathetic and engaged study documents the plays produced during the time, as groups and individuals that came together to protest and build a theatre of pain, rage, protest, that grew along with the autonomous women's movement of the time. She shows how, in this process, perceptive, outspoken women emerged and rejected their ascribed roles, in order to carve out their own identities and remake the world as they wished it to be. Incorporating oral histories, auto-ethnography, playscripts, visuals, archival material and meticulously researched histories, Deepthi Priya Mehrotra presents a layered analysis of this important moment in the history of the Indian women's movement.



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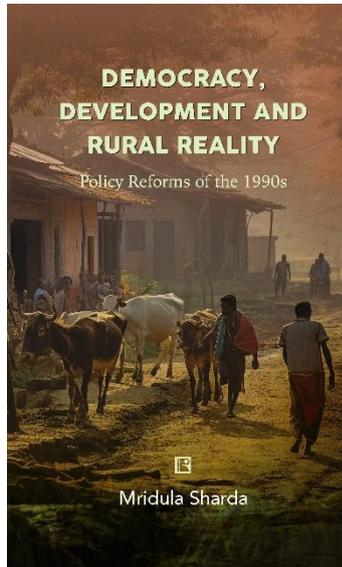
Democracy, development and rural reality

Policy reforms of the 1990s

By Mridula Sharda | New Delhi : Rawat Publications, 2025 | 9788131614655

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India's journey since independence has been characterised by dynamic transitions. Democracy began as an 'elite democracy', marked by the constitutional establishment of local self-governance, and gradually evolved into a mass democracy – though elite influences have persisted even at the grassroots. This evolution reflects a continuous interplay between tradition and transformation.



The economic and political landscape underwent a significant shift in the 1990s. Liberalisation, Privatisation, and Globalisation (LPG) opened rural India to private sector participation, while the 73rd Constitutional Amendment institutionalised democratic decentralisation – empowering local communities to shape their own developmental trajectories.

This book explores three key dimensions: understanding the current role of local institutions, preparing them for the challenges of the 21st century, and examining how the narrowing gap between the global and the local is reshaping governance.

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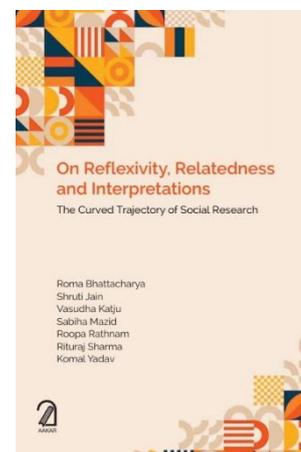
On reflexivity, relatedness and interpretations

The curved trajectory of social research

By Komal Yadav, Rituraj Sharma, Roma Bhattacharya, Roopa Ratnam, Sabiha Mazid, Shruti Jain, Vasudha Katju | Delhi : Aakar, 2025 | 9789350029046

Accession Number: 57084 | Call Number: 312.12 BHA

This book explores the curved trajectory of social science research by placing the researcher and her dilemmas at its centre. It is written from the perspective of the researcher, what she experiences during various stages of research, the questions, doubts, and dilemmas that she encounters. It engages with social science itself, then not in terms of abstract definitions, theories, concepts, methods and principles, but rather as these come to be used in the process of research. It engages with what happens when we use the methods and techniques that we have learned in classrooms in various field situations. The goal in presenting this picture of research is to reach out to other researchers to share our journeys with them, and to present descriptions of research that resonate with our on-ground experiences.



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Political Science

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Leftism in India 1917-1947

By Satyabrata Rai Chowdhuri | New York : Routledge, 2026 | 9781041195351

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This book provides a comprehensive account of the Leftist movements in India during the most decisive phase of its struggle for freedom. It also describes how the Leftist movements interacted with the mainstream Indian freedom movement led by the Indian National Congress, guided by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and his ideology of non-violence. This ideology directly opposed those who believed in Marxism-Leninism and, naturally, their policies clashed at almost every stage of the freedom movement. These clashes gave rise to dramatic developments, which have been described in this book in their proper context and analysed with scholarly objectivity.

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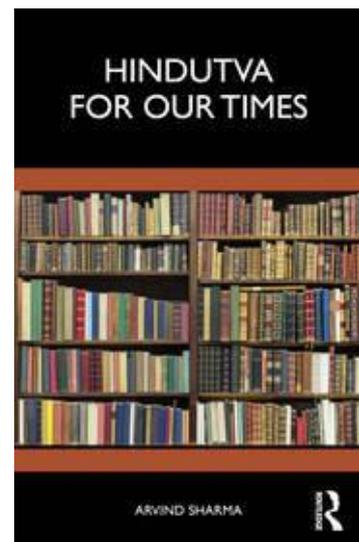
Hindutva for our times

By Arvind Sharma | New York : Routledge, 2025 | 9781041194927

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This book studies Hindu nationalism and deliberates on the forms Hindu self-assertion might take in the future. It examines the intersection of Hindu nationalism with the contemporary reality of India, as represented by a religiously plural society with a secular state, which possesses a social system characterised by caste, and one whose vision has been shaped by a mainstream version of Indian history. The ideology of Hindutva has had two major orientations—of how Hindus should relate to each other, and how Hindus should relate to the followers of other religions. The author provides a new orientation to both these dimensions of Hindutva ideology.

A unique contribution, this book will be an essential read for scholars and researchers of religion studies, history, postcolonialism, nationalism, pluralism, Indian political thought, Indian history, caste studies, political science, Hindu studies, Hindusim, sociology and political ideology, and South Asian studies.



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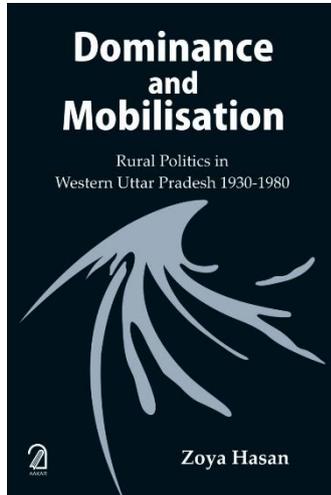
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Dominance and mobilisation

rural politics in Western Uttar Pradesh 1930-1980

By Zoya Hasan | Delhi : Aakar, 2024 | 9789350028902

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An examination of the nature of agrarian society and the role of the rural power structure has, of late, become an important feature in any analysis of political change in India. The spread of the Green Revolution and the growing importance of the agrarian sector has served to turn attention to the process of political mobilisation in the countryside. The growth of agrarian capitalism and the resulting mobilisation of new social groups has underpinned fundamental changes in many parts of the country while also paving the way for the emergence of the rich peasants.

This book analyses, within the above framework, the structure and issues of party politics in north India and, more specifically, in relation to the response of certain castes and classes in Aligarh district of western UP. Zoya Hasan delineates the patterns and shifts

in mobilisation over a fifty year period and assesses the extent to which these are related to changes in the political economy of the district.

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International Relations

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Breakneck

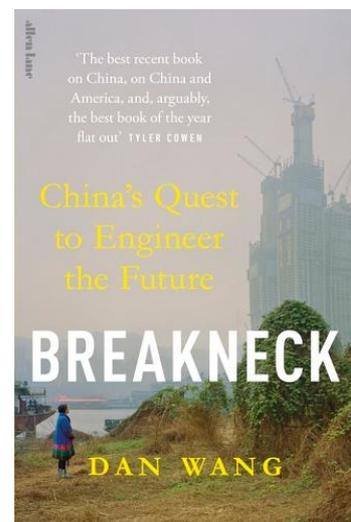
China's quest to engineer the future

By Dan Wang | London : Allen Lane, 2025 | 9780241729175

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America used to pride itself on ambition. Today, it looks stuck. Meanwhile, China has been busy building the future. Over the past six years, technology analyst Dan Wang lived through China's astonishing, messy progress and the dissolution of its relationship to the West.

In Breakneck, Wang offers a new framework for understanding China — which helps us to see global geopolitics more clearly too. While China is an engineering state, fearlessly building megaprojects, America is a lawyerly society, reflexively blocking everything, good and bad. Building big has fuelled China's economic ascent. At the same time, social engineering has led to unbearable costs, including the traumas of zero-Covid and the one-child policy. Wang traverses China's dazzling metropolises and factory complexes, blending political and economic analysis with reportage to show how the Communist Party's darkening ambitions have unsettled its people.



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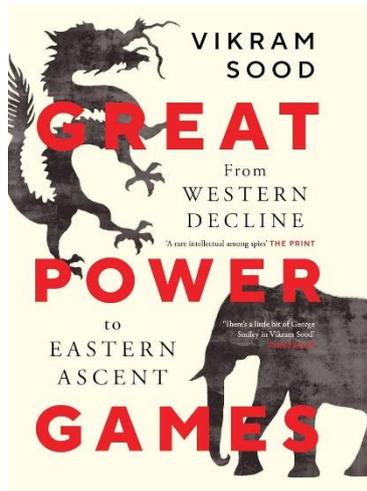
Great power games

from Western decline to Eastern ascent

By Vikram Sood | New Delhi : Juggernaut, 2025 | 9789353456291

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Great Power Games is an authoritative account of the world order in flux, from the ashes of the Second World War to the fractured present. For decades, the United States and its Western allies shaped the global system through treaties, institutions and a carefully constructed rules-based order. That edifice now shows deep cracks. Hot wars rage on multiple fronts, the West is riven by internal turmoil and America, under the disruptive presidency of Donald Trump, has abandoned the very frameworks it once created.



In this gripping narrative, Vikram Sood, former chief of the R&AW, reveals how nations pursue power. Behind the handshakes and communiqués lie covert operations, espionage, proxy wars, disinformation campaigns and economic coercion. From the Cold War's shadow battles to the unipolar arrogance of post-Soviet America, he charts how the West rose, and how it is now faltering.

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Contract farming in developing countries

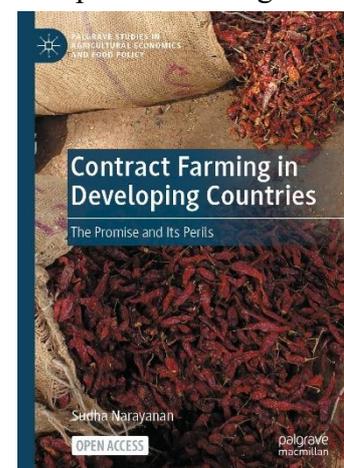
the promise and its perils

By Sudha Narayanan | Switzerland : Palgrave Macmillan, 2025 | 9783031764868

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This is a very important book. Contract farming has major potential implications for growth (efficiency), poverty (equity) and sustainability. The book considers both the important opportunities and the challenges that contract farming can bring for poor farmers and agricultural development. By integrating the latest theoretical analyses and empirical findings it presents key insights which are much needed to address the many challenges in global food security and sustainable development.” (Johan Swinnen, Director General, International food Policy Research Institute)

“This is going to prove an important volume, the bedrock on which future contract farming research will rest.” (Christopher B. Barrett, Stephen B. & Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University)



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Food

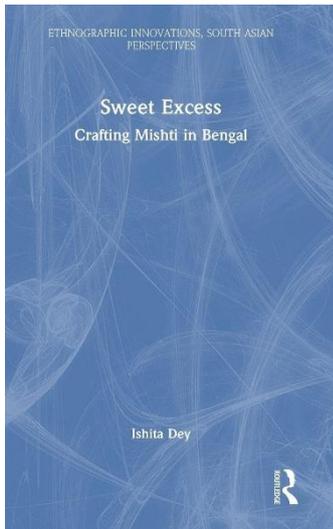
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Sweet excess crafting Mishti in Bengal

By Ishita Dey | London : Routledge, 2026 | 9781032291864

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This book is an ethnographic work on excess. Based on a decade-long field work of a single food substance — sweets — it follows sweet-making in sweetshops, domestic spaces, fairs, festivals and its representation in recipe books to understand how caste, religion, science and law inform the life of a food item with an extremely short shelf life. It shows how food items of conspicuous consumption find a meaning in everyday lives of people through its socio-cultural meanings - ritual, pride of craftsmanship, heritage and cultural identity. It also shows how sweets continue to be a ubiquitous part of 'Bengali' diet in a geography that has been witness to acute hunger, starvation, food movements and social welfare programmes to ensure food security.



As a multi-sited ethnography on sweetness in diverse settings and its associated meanings in West Bengal and Bangladesh, [more....](#)

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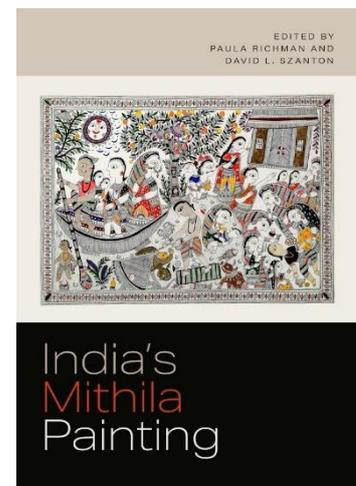
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India's Mithila painting

edited by Paula Richman and David L Szanton | Bloomington : University of Washington Press, 2025 | 9780295753225

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Since at least the fifteenth century, Hindu women in the Mithila region of northern India have been painting images of deities, flora and fauna symbolizing fertility and prosperity, and floor designs that sacralize sites for ritual within their homes. Their artwork remained ephemeral since its plant-based colors faded over time. In response to an extended drought that led to widespread crop failure in the 1960s, the Indian government's All India Handicraft Board provided high-quality paper to the women of Mithila to test the income-generating possibilities of transferring wall and floor artwork to a new medium. The unique Mithila aesthetic, novel compositions, and precise linework won enthusiastic buyers in New Delhi and abroad. The small number of women painters expanded across the ranks of the social hierarchy and even included a few men. They developed individual styles and depicted novel subjects such as village history, their own life stories, the tsunami in Sri Lanka, social justice, protecting trees, and changing social norms.



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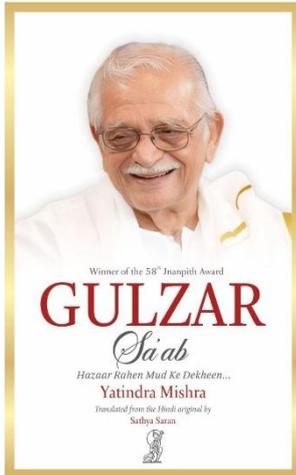
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Gulzar Sa'ab

hazaar rahen mud ke dekheen

by Yatindra Mishra | New Delhi : Vani Prakashan, 2025 | 9789371129596

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The creative genius of Gulzar is that of a nomad in spirit. He will walk holding a poem by the hand for a distance, only to suddenly wander into the writing of a story. Imperceptibly, he will, while writing songs for films, shift to writing dialogues, and no one can discern the moment of change. He sources the screenplays for films from the field of poetry and picks stories from literature to make films.

Innumerable poems, ghazals, and lyrics for film songs make up Gulzar's universe giving us glimpses of his life. Even as this expression reveals the intricate weave of the poet's inner voice, the Sufi overtones of spiritualism inherent in his poems convey to us shades of melancholy and regret. Thus, Gulzar's poetry touches upon the pain of separation in love, indifference to worldly attachments, the growing gaps in relationships and a scrutiny of the growing insensitivity to most issues that beset our times. Though this journey we get insights into some of the most personal moments in the poet's life.

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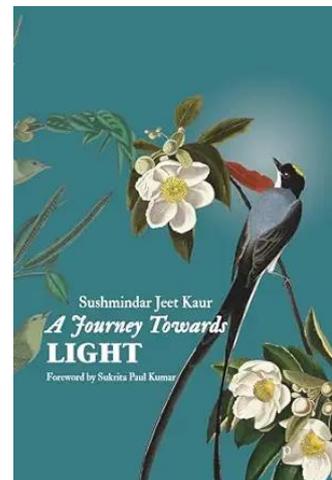
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A Journey towards light

By Sushmindar Jeet Kaur | West Bengal : PenPrints, 2025 | 9788199163065

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The voice in this volume of poetry is that of the poet Sushmindar Jeet Kaur as a seeker, constantly in search of light. Each poem, suffused in the humility of a wayfarer, moves bit by bit to get closer to the unknowable. The “unfathomable” gets to be more intriguing and complex as the journey progresses. As one goes along with the movement of the poems, the “silhouettes of meaning” become visible, and each “silence speaks of a deeper calling”; there emerges a note of assurance for the reader who is the co-traveller with the poet. Eventually, as the poet puts it eloquently, the “wayfarer becomes the path”. Mysteries of life begin to surface more and more, and gradually an inward reality begins to surface. The remarkable confession -so to speak- of the poet comes as a gentle shock when she declares that she is not a good woman! In choosing the path of her own journey, she is no longer a conformist. She is, in the eyes of the world, a rebel. The matter-of-fact tone of the declaration is actually the voice of conviction.



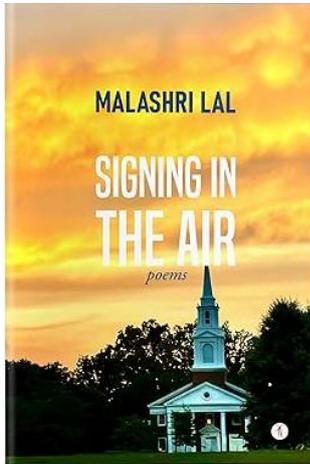
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Signing in the air : poems

By Malashri Lal | New Delhi : Hawakal, 2025 | 9788119858576

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Signing in the Air explores imprint and erasure, where words, like shifting clouds, morph into alternate meanings. Opening with a paean to India's six seasons shadowed by climate change, the collection journeys from the ordinary to mythic retellings of Holika and Hidimba, attuned to women's voices. The continuum extends to "women who wander," a medley on the flâneur, and intimate poems evoking parents and loved ones. Malashri Lal, acclaimed for Mandalas of Time, here offers a signature collection of profound memory-keeping, lyrical wisdom, imagery, and gentility.

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There's a ghost in my room

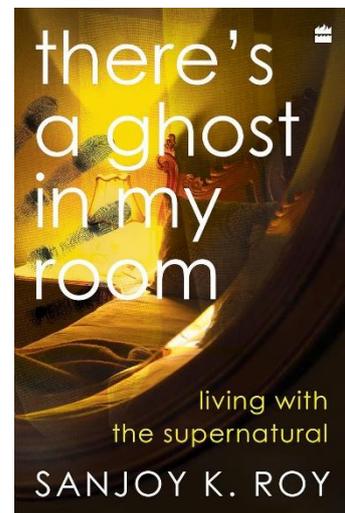
Living with the supernatural

by Sanjoy K Roy | Gurugram : Harper Collins Publishers, 2025 | 9789369896325

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The first spirit Sanjoy Roy encountered was one that haunted his ancestral house in Calcutta; he was five then. A few years later, the otherworldly made its presence felt again in his parents' sprawling bungalow in Lutyens' Delhi. Over the decades that followed, he and his family and friends have come across a variety of apparitions, spectres and phantoms in diverse locations both in India and abroad. Some of these beings are benign or at most mischievous, but others--lost, disturbed souls--are angrier and have to be placated.

For Sanjoy, his ability to sense and interact with the supernatural is not something remarkable, but part of his everyday reality. As he sees it, there is perhaps a dimension parallel to ours, one that is teeming with spirits and souls. There's a Ghost in My Room is a fascinating travelogue through that mysterious world.



Rich in period detail, humour and adventure, this unusual memoir makes for a compelling read and is sure to enthrall both the haunted-world sceptic and those who believe.

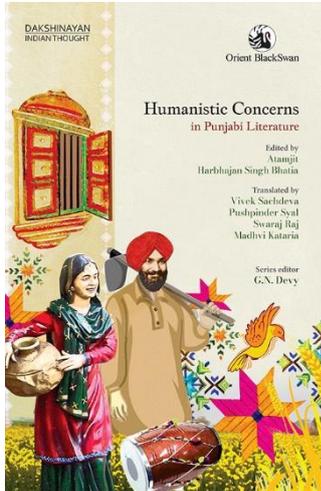
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Humanistic concerns in Punjabi literature

edited by Atamjit and Harbhajan Singh Bhatia | Hyderabad : Orient Black Swan, 2025 | 9789354427947

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Humanistic Concerns in Punjabi Literature presents a selection of Punjabi writings in English translation that explores articulations on humaneness, justice and social issues. These poems, songs, stories, essays and plays span a vast historical period, from the twelfth century to the present. The questions they raise continue to preoccupy us today.

The book is part of the 'Dakshinayan Indian Thought' series of books curated by G N Devy, showcasing the plurality and diversity of Indian traditions.

The texts cover a range of themes and concerns, from the relationship between siblings to interactions within and between communities. The authors in this selection are some of the best-known in Punjabi literature, including winners of the Sahitya

Akademi and Jnanpith awards (see Contents).

The brief biographical notes that introduce each author make evident the connections between literature and its social and political context.

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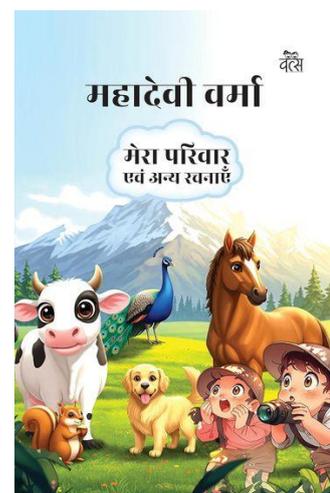
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Mera parivar evam anya rachnaein

By Mahadevi Verma | New Delhi : Vitasta Publishing, 2025 | 9788119670116

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Mera Parivar evam Anya Rachnayein, is a collection of some of Mahadevi Verma's most cherished literary works. She affectionately portrays her pet animals, capturing their quirks and quiet companionship with heartfelt sensitivity that reflects her profound empathy for all living beings. In her poignant depiction of society's downtrodden, Mahadevi Verma lends a voice to the voiceless, portraying their dignity and daily struggles with rare compassion and realism. Readers will find in this collection not only literary elegance but also a timeless relevance. Mahadevi Verma's deeply compassionate prose reflects a deep moral clarity and her love for nature, animals, and human dignity. Through tender portrayals of human innocence and struggle, Mahadevi Verma's work becomes a powerful moral compass and a much-needed reminder of empathy in an increasingly fragmented world.



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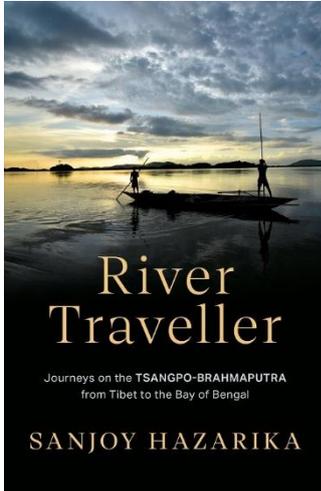
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River traveller

Journeys on the Tsangpo-Brahmaputra from Tibet to the Bay of Bengal

By Sanjoy Hazarika | New Delhi : Speaking Tiger, 2025 | 9789363369245

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River Traveller tells the story of a great river, as powerful as it is mysterious. The Brahmaputra rises in Tibet, travels through three countries and, after travelling over 2,900 kilometres, flows into the Bay of Bengal. It has fascinated cartographers, lured adventurers, attracted kings and dynasts, and has supported life and ways of living by its banks. It is one of the world's longest and widest rivers—sustaining entire civilizations and agrarian systems. Alongside, its unmatched fury has destroyed human overreach for centuries. In River Traveller, veteran journalist and writer Sanjoy Hazarika makes epic journeys down the mighty river and describes all of this—and more.

In his travels spanning over two decades, Hazarika gets to know the river intimately, and brings both a journalist's eye for reportage and a writer's fine sensibility to his descriptions of places, people and events, and his accounts of the river's historical burden.

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Social and economic institutions in ancient India

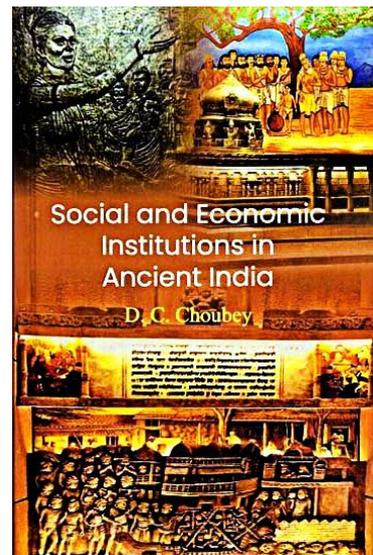
By D C Choubey | New Delhi : Research India Press, 2025 | 9789348309037

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This book throws a multi-coloured light on the social, economic organizations and institutions of the ancient India from the earliest times to the 12th century AD.

The initial section of this book explores Ancient Indian social structures, focusing on families and their diverse forms; Varna, Jati, the Ashrama system, the concept of Purushartha, and the Dasa system prevalent in Ancient India. The book also aims to explain the various samskaras like Garbhadhanam, Pumsavanam, Chudakavanam, Upanayanam, Samavartana and Vivaha. It also deals with the Ancient Indian education system and the position of women through the Ages.

The later part of the book is based on the economic institutions of the ancient Indian and deals with the economic life and activities of the people of the Indus Saraswati Valley civilization and Vedic age; Varta, which signifies the various types of livelihood followed by the early Indians.



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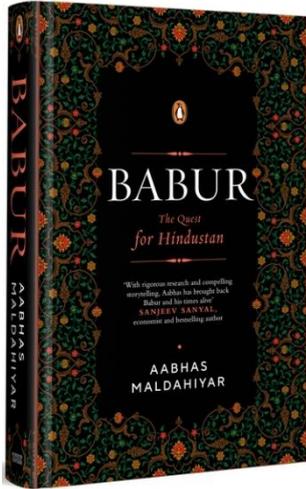
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Babur

the quest for Hindustan

Aabhas Maldahiyaar | Gurugram : Penguin, 2025 | 9780670099559

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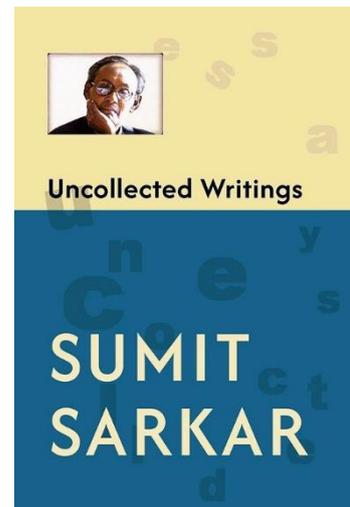
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For the past half-century, one of the most influential, respected, and popular scholars of modern Indian history has been Sumit Sarkar. When his first monograph, *The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal 1903–1908* (1973), appeared, it showed something of a paradigm shift within its genre. As one eminent historian put it: “Very few monographs, if any, have ever rivalled the meticulous research and the thick description that characterised this book, or the lucidity of its exposition and the persuasive power of its overall argument.” Ten years later Sarkar published *Modern India 1885–1947*, in which the synthesis and critique of everything significant that had been written about the period was hailed as admirably cogent and lucid. The present volume comprises essays and lectures that have not appeared within Sarkar’s earlier essay compilations – *Writing Social History* (1997), *Beyond Nationalist Frames* (2002), and *Essays of a Lifetime* (2017). In reproducing some of Sarkar’s finest writings, it complements and completes his oeuvre as essayist and shows once again what Sarkar has always been: the most intellectually stimulating and sharpest sceptical-Marxist historian of his time.



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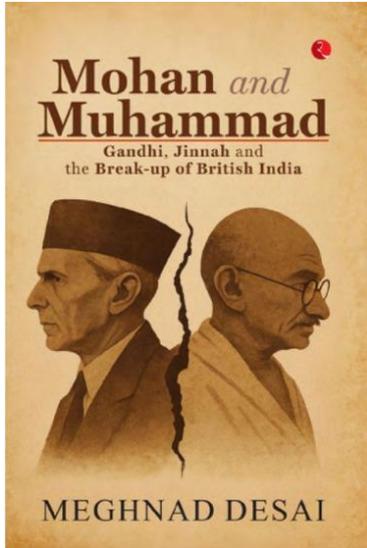
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The struggle for India's independence occupied much of the first half of the last century. The result, when it came, was tragic; India got its independence but the country was also partitioned in two—something that the leaders who fought for freedom had not expected. How and why it happened are questions that have intrigued historians ever since.



In *Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India*, Meghnad Desai has taken the two principal personalities—Mohandas Gandhi and Muhammad Ali Jinnah, now thought to be two principal antagonists of the struggle—to bring out the similarities and parallels in their lives, their views and their interactions. While they struggled to win independence for the country they had grown up in, for which they gave up their lives, but all of that culminated in their beloved country getting divided. It is a moving, and ultimately

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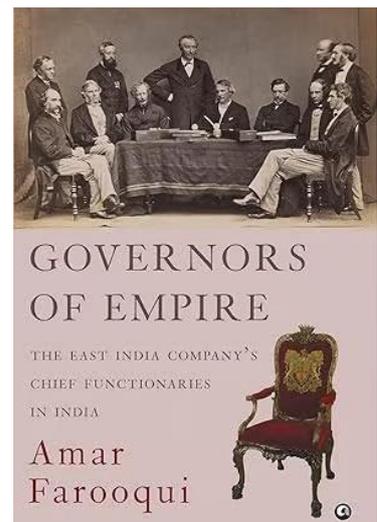
the East India company's chief functionaries in India

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In April 1608, when a ship named Hector—belonging to the English East India Company—arrived on the shores of Surat in present-day Gujarat, no one foresaw how some of the merchants on board would go on to alter the course of history in India. From the moment of its docking to the Revolt of 1857, a succession of its eminent passengers helped transform the Company from a trading collective to a colonizing juggernaut. In *Governors of Empire*, historian Amar Farooqui traces the journeys each of these men undertook, from arriving on Indian shores, through acquiring territories using equal parts trade agreements and political deceit, all the way to returning to Britain considerably wealthier than before.

Beginning with Robert Clive, the self-proclaimed hero of the British imperial project who played a pivotal role in the annexation of Bengal, the book follows several important governors whose actions ultimately delivered India into the hands of the Crown. After Clive came Warren Hastings, who began his tenure as governor of Bengal and settled down to govern both Bengal and Bihar.



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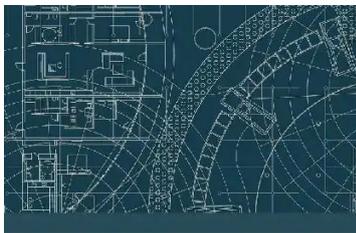
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The political landscape of India has undergone significant transformation in the twenty-first century. With the rise of the Bharatiya Janata Party as a strong nationalist force, historical figures such as Sardar Patel, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, and Deendayal Upadhyaya have been projected as key heroes of the freedom struggle alongside others. This has led to a redefinition and reprioritization of the leadership profile of the Indian independence movement. This book tries to understand Sardar Patel not from the traditional approach of viewing him just as an integrator of princely states or Iron Man but investigate the different dimensions of Patel's thinking towards India. It discusses his ideas on secularism and minorities, status of women, ideas on cleanliness and environment, scheduled castes, Indian administration, farmers and agricultural rights and land reforms, India's foreign policy and relations with its neighbours especially China and the greater world powers. First of its kind, this book will be of interest to scholars and researchers of Indian politics, Indian history, Nationalist movement, political sociology, and South Asian history.

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